

Third Level and Retraining Places for Jobseekers

The Springboard Programme will provide 6,000 higher education places for unemployed people.

Who is the Springboard programme aimed at?

The programme is aimed at people who have previously been employed in construction, manufacturing or other sectors of the economy where employment levels are unlikely to recover to pre-recession levels. The courses will start in Autumn 2011.

What type of courses are covered?

Under the Springboard programme, courses are offered in information and communications technology (ICT); the green economy; and the bio-pharma-pharmachem sectors. There are also some courses aimed at developing innovative business and entrepreneurship skills.

Where can I find details?

Details on eligibility and the range of courses available are available online at www.bluebrick.ie

Helpful links:

www.welfare.ie
www.fas.ie
www.jobbridge.ie
www.losingyourjob.ie
www.inou.ie
www.localemploymentservices.ie



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Your Guide to Job and Trainee Schemes

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National Internship Scheme

JobBridge provides work experience placements for interns for a 6 or 9 month period. Interns will be able to enhance their skills and learn new ones through workplace training, gain networking opportunities and enhance their career prospects.

Am I eligible?

Anyone who has been in receipt of Jobseekers' Allowance, Jobseekers' Benefits or has been signing on for Social Insurance Contribution Credits for at least three months is eligible to take part on this scheme.

How do I apply?

Candidates should apply directly to Host Organisations through the website www.jobbridge.ie.

You can also contact your local FÁS office by emailing govinternprg@fas.ie, or contact my office for further information.

Will I be paid?

Participants will receive an allowance equivalent to their current Social Welfare Allowance, plus an additional €50 per week for the duration of their internship.

Where will the internships take place?

Public, private, community and voluntary sectors are all included in this internship scheme.



Tús Scheme

The Tús Scheme provides short-term, quality work opportunities for those who are unemployed, by placing them with services of benefit to local communities.

Am I eligible?

Anyone who has been in receipt of a jobseekers' payment for at least 12 months will be eligible for the Tús Scheme.

How do I apply?

The Department of Social Protection will make contact to those on the Live Register who satisfy the criteria.

Will I be paid?

Participants will receive an extra €20 top up payment

How long is the scheme for?

Participation on the Tús scheme will work for 19.5 hours per week for a duration of 12 months. There may be some degree of flexibility in terms of the schedule of hours.

Where will I be placed?

Placements will be with community sector organisations to support the delivery of their services, including energy conservation work; caretaking; coaching and the renovation of community and sporting facilities.



Work Placement Programme

Am I eligible?

The Work Placement Programme offers two streams. Stream 1 is targeted at graduates, while Stream 2 offers places for unemployed people – a number of these places are reserved for those aged under 34. Unemployed graduates with a level 7 qualification can apply for a place in either stream.

How do I apply?

Applications and further information can be found online at www.fas.ie/en/WPP. Applications should be submitted online for quickest processing times.

Will I keep my social welfare payment?

While you are on the Work Placement Programme, you may continue to get your payment subject to the approval of the Department of Social Protection, and only if you have been in receipt of the payment for at least three months.

